

March 27, 2020
Reno County Courthouse
Hutchinson, Kansas

The Board of Reno County Commissioners met in special session to review the contents of an issuance of a proposed Emergency Stay at Home Order for Reno County with, Chairman Ron Sellers, Commissioner Bob Bush and Commissioner Ron Hirst, County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan, County Clerk Donna Patton, and Reno County Local Health Officer/Director of Reno County Health Department Nick Baldetti present. County Administrator Randy Partington was unavailable.

At 1:30 p.m. Commissioner Sellers called the meeting to order.

County Counselor Joe O'Sullivan explained the order. He stated that he had looked at the Governor's order and other counties orders and mirrored ours after theirs. He explained that our order needs to be consistent with the Governor's order because we can't be less restrictive than the Governor's order. He recommended adoption of the order if they choose to. They will need to choose a start date and the length of the order to be in effect. Mr. O'Sullivan explained what essential duties are and stated that our order defines what essential duties are.

Mr. Bush asked if he merged several orders from different entities into ours. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that he reviewed their orders and implemented them into ours. If the Governor's order said it was essential, it was added as essential to ours. Mr. Bush asked about ambulances and fire trucks because employees obviously can't be 6-feet apart. Mr. O'Sullivan stated that they just try and do the best they can to operate. Most restaurants have already gone to strictly carry-out. If this order doesn't work, they can always revisit the order, and the Board and Mr. Baldetti could require a more restrictive order.

Mr. Hirst asked about businesses that must have more than 10 people and they can't be 6-feet apart. Mr. O'Sullivan answered that they just do the best they can.

Mr. Sellers stated that the Commission met in executive session earlier today to review the order and to discuss other legal matters.

Mr. Baldetti said he has been in collaboration with Mr. O'Sullivan in preparing the order and he thanked him for his help. As things started changing statewide, he asked Mr. O'Sullivan for his help in drafting the order. Mr. Baldetti said he agreed with the order but would like additional language added to the professional services wording to include following the guidelines of no more than 10 people in the waiting area and to stay 6-feet away from each other or remove the restriction.

Mr. Hirst asked if he would like to remove the restriction or include the wording. Mr. Baldetti said he would just like to add the wording. The accountability is with the business owner to comply with the order.

There was a consensus by the Board to add the additional wording.

Mr. Baldetti stated that some of the orders are for 14 days and some are for 30 days. He stated he would like 30 days, but 15 days is more practical. Mr. Sellers asked when he would like the order to be in effect. Mr. Baldetti stated at 12:01 a.m. on Monday March 30, 2020 for 16 days. This will take the order up to the Commission meeting on Tuesday April 14, 2020 and they can revisit the order then. Mr. Bush asked if Mr. Baldetti would like the order to be signed today effective at 12:01 a.m. on Monday March 30, 2020 and good for 16 days ending on Tuesday April 14, 2020 and Mr. Baldetti said yes. He then stated that in two weeks we would have a better understanding of where the numbers are statewide and countywide.

Mr. O'Sullivan asked for a 10-minute recess so he could make the necessary changes to the order.

At 2:00 p.m. Mr. Sellers declared a recess for 10 minutes for Mr. O'Sullivan to make the necessary changes to the order and to return at 2:10 p.m.

At 2:10 p.m. Mr. Sellers declared the meeting back open.

Mr. O'Sullivan handed out the revised order with the recommended changes. **Mr. Hirst moved, seconded by Mr. Bush,** to approve the Emergency Order of the Reno County Local Health Officer to begin at 12:01 a.m. on Monday March 30, 2020 and end on Tuesday April 14, 2020. Mr. Hirst reminded everyone that we can sign all the orders and recommendations but the final decision is with the public and to do the right thing.

Mr. Sellers reminded everyone to protect yourself and others around you. The motion was approved by a roll call vote of 3-0.

At 2:13 p.m. the meeting adjourned until 9:00 a.m. Tuesday March 31, 2020.

Approved:

Chair, Board of Reno County Commissioners

(ATTEST)

Reno County Clerk
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Date